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COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany

REPORT

TOPIC Airfield of GROSSENHAIN

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EVALUATION

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DATE OF CONTENT

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DATE PREPARED 26 September 1949

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1. At least 60 ground attack aircraft, some with white and others with red propeller hubs, were parked in 10 rows near the hangars of the GROSSENHAIN (N 52/A 01) airfield. The aircraft were of the same type as those stationed at the COTTBUS (N 52/A 57) airfield.
2. The fuel dump at the northern edge of the field had been increased to about 35 containers. These containers, each the size of a railroad tank car, were partly underground. A construction site of the "Ing.-Bau Dresden" Firm with two concrete mixers was at the southern edge of the field along the railroad line to COTTBUS.
3. About 60 ground attack aircraft took off at 11:30 a.m. and headed south flying in formations of 10 planes each. truck [ ] and [ ] passenger car [ ] were observed at the airfield.

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4. The GROSSENHAIN airfield, strictly guarded by German police, was being expanded to the east and northeast. The runway was being extended by about 1,600 feet. This expansion work, which was called road construction to the civilian population, was done in two shifts and scheduled to be completed by 1 September 1949.

19 August 1949

5. Between 26 July and 19 August 1949 intensive flying was done only on 6 August 1949, when 74 single-engine aircraft took off.
6. The expansion work at the airfield drew to a close on 19 August 1949. The new section of runway about 250 x 2,000-feet,

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which had a 12-inch concrete surface ran in an E-W direction. Parallel to this runway section a 50-foot wide taxiway with an 8-inch concrete surface had been built 250 feet to the south.

Comment:

a. The reported occupation in para 1 above [redacted] This is considered a proof that the airfield was occupied by at least two ground attack regiments.

c. The work on the expansion of the runway [redacted] is considered to be proved. It is noteworthy that the construction work was scheduled to be completed by 1 September 1949. The same target date is known to be set for the construction work at other airfields in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

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